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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 7-19, 21, 23 and 24 by rewriting the same as follows:

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, comprising
deposition and/or vapour-deposition of an additional layer of lithium fluoride close to the EM
interfaces either on one side or both sides.